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Re: Applicant : James BRUGGER, et al.  
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Title of the Invention : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PERFORMING  
BLOOD PROCESSING AND/OR FLUID  
EXCHANGE PROCEDURES

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Attached are the following documents submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

1. Response To the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment; and
2. Petition for Extension of Time.

Sincerely,



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed May 27, 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for response expired on June 27, 2004.

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**RESTRICTION**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Applicants hereby elect Invention II corresponding to claims 142-148.